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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) In an interface device operatively coupled to an internal bus of an origin server, a method for managing connections between at least one client and said origin server, said method comprising the steps of:

establishing a network connection with one of said clients via a network;  
receiving a communication from said client via said network connection;  
accumulating one or more separate transmissions from said client in a buffer;  
establishing a bus connection with said origin server via an internal bus of said origin server after a complete client request is accumulated in said buffer; [[and]]  
forwarding said client communication to said origin server via said bus connection;  
receiving a response to said client communication from said server via said bus connection; and  
forwarding said response to said client via said network connection.

Claims 2-5 (canceled)

6. (currently amended) A method according to ~~Claim 5~~ Claim 1, wherein said step of receiving said response from said server includes storing said response in a buffer.

7. (original) A method according to Claim 6, wherein said step of receiving said response from said server includes terminating said bus connection after said response is received.

Claims 8-10 (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A method according to ~~Claim 8~~ Claim 1, wherein said client communication includes an HTTP request.

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12. (original) A method according to Claim 11, wherein said response from said server includes an HTML page.

13. (original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein said step of establishing a network connection with a client includes establishing a separate network connection with each of a plurality of clients via said network.

14. (original) A method according to Claim 13, wherein said step of establishing said bus connection with said server includes establishing a plurality of connections with said server via said internal bus of said server.

15. (original) A method according to Claim 14, wherein the maximum number of simultaneous client connections exceeds the maximum number of simultaneous server connections.

16. (original) A method according to Claim 1, further comprising performing a security operation on said client communication prior to forwarding said client communication to said server.

17. (original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein:  
said step of receiving said client communication includes discerning an application identifier from said client communication; and  
said step of forwarding said client communication to said server includes invoking one of a plurality of proxy applications based on said application identifier.

18. (original) A method according to Claim 17, wherein said application identifier is the connection port number.

19. (original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein said step of receiving said client communication includes receiving at least a portion of an HTTP request.

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20. (original) A computer readable medium having code embodied therein for causing an electronic device to perform the steps of Claim 1.

Claims 21-24 (canceled)

25. (original) A computer readable medium having code embodied therein for causing an electronic device to perform the steps of Claim 6.

26. (original) A computer readable medium having code embodied therein for causing an electronic device to perform the steps of Claim 7.

Claims 27-29 (canceled)

30. (original) A computer readable medium having code embodied therein for causing an electronic device to perform the steps of Claim 11.

31. (original) A computer readable medium having code embodied therein for causing an electronic device to perform the steps of Claim 12.

32. (original) A computer readable medium having code embodied therein for causing an electronic device to perform the steps of Claim 13.

33. (original) A computer readable medium having code embodied therein for causing an electronic device to perform the steps of Claim 14.

34. (original) A computer readable medium having code embodied therein for causing an electronic device to perform the steps of Claim 15.

35. (original) A computer readable medium having code embodied therein for causing an electronic device to perform the steps of Claim 16.

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36. (original) A computer readable medium having code embodied therein for causing an electronic device to perform the steps of Claim 17.

37. (original) A computer readable medium having code embodied therein for causing an electronic device to perform the steps of Claim 18.

38. (original) A computer readable medium having code embodied therein for causing an electronic device to perform the steps of Claim 19.

39. (currently amended) An adapter card for operatively coupling to an internal bus of an origin server for managing origin server communication with a network, said adapter card comprising:

a network controller for communicating with clients on said network;  
a memory device for storing data and code, said code including a reverse proxy application;  
a processing unit coupled to said memory device for executing said code; and  
a protocol adapter coupled to said processing unit, and adapted to couple to said internal bus of said origin server, for communicating with said origin server; and wherein said reverse proxy application is operative to establish a network connection with a client on said network, to receive a communication from said client via said network connection, to store said communication in said memory device by accumulating one or more separate transmissions from said client in said memory device, establishing a bus connection with said server after a complete client request is accumulated in said memory device, receiving a response to said client communication from said server via said bus connection, and forwarding said response to said client via said network connection.

40. (original) An adapter card according to Claim 39, wherein said code further comprises a communication protocol stack.

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41. (original) An adapter according to Claim 40, wherein said communication protocol stack comprises a standard TCP/IP protocol stack.

42. (original) An adapter card according to Claim 39, wherein said proxy application includes a security proxy.

43. (original) An adapter card according to Claim 39, wherein said proxy application includes a pass-through proxy.

44. (original) An adapter card according to Claim 39, wherein said proxy application includes an HTTP proxy.

45. (canceled)

46. (original) An adapter card according to Claim 39, wherein said proxy application includes a master process module responsive to a connection request received from one of said clients, and operative to establish a connection with said client and to initiate a new client process module to maintain said established connection.

47. (original) An adapter card according to Claim 46, wherein said master process module is further operative to notify said proxy application of said established connection.

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48. (new) An adapter card for operatively coupling to an internal bus of an origin server for managing origin server communication with a network, said adapter card comprising:

a network controller for communicating with clients on said network;  
a memory device for storing data and code, said code including a reverse proxy application and a master process module;  
a processing unit coupled to said memory device for executing said code; and  
a protocol adapter coupled to said processing unit, and adapted to couple to said internal bus of said origin server, for communicating with said origin server; and wherein said master process module is operative to discern an application identifier from a communication received from one of said clients and to invoke one of a plurality of proxy applications based on said application identifier.

49. (new) An adapter card according to Claim 48, wherein said application identifier is the connection port number.

50. (new) In an interface device operatively coupled to an internal bus of an origin server, a method for managing connections between at least one client and said origin server, said method comprising the steps of:

establishing a network connection with one of said clients via a network;  
receiving a communication from said client via said network connection;  
establishing a bus connection with said origin server via an internal bus of said origin server; and  
forwarding said client communication to said origin server via said bus connection; and  
wherein  
said step of receiving said client communication includes discerning an application identifier from said client communication; and  
said step of forwarding said client communication to said server includes invoking one of a plurality of proxy applications based on said application identifier.

51. (new) A method according to Claim 50, wherein said application identifier is the connection port number.

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52. (new) A computer readable medium having code embodied therein for causing an electronic device to perform the steps of Claim 50.

53. (new) A computer readable medium having code embodied therein for causing an electronic device to perform the steps of Claim 51.